Years (1986-87 to 1988-89) and estimated grwoth for 1989-90.

Singnificatnt increase in the rate of growth of per capital consumption and reduction in the perceentage of people below poverty line are some of the other positive features of the performance durng the Seventh Plan, Decline in the rate of public savings is one of the important negative features of the performance.

**Recession in Coir Industry**

1311. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coir industry is facing decline/recession;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plan is under consideration to re-vitalise this industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). Coir is largely an export oreinted industry. The export performance of coir and coir products is recent times has been quite encouraging. During the April, 1991-January, 1992 the export earnings from coir were Rs. 55 97 crores as against Rs. 39.68 crores in the corresponding period of last year. Increase in exports indicate a favourable trend in the coir inddustry.

(c) and (d). The Coir Board, with the assistance of the Central Government has been implementing various programmes for development of coir industry. Some of the programmes are:-

(i) Centrally sponsored scheme for cooperativisation in coir industry.

(ii) Rebate scheme for market development.

(iii) Foreign publicity and market promotion programmes.

(iv) Research and Development Prograammes for improving productivity nd introduction of modified equipments.

(v) Improving conditions and working environment of workers.

**India-Japan Study Committee report**

1312. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEEYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japanese investorsare still quite uncretain about India's investment climate as revealed by the India-Japan Study Committee Report as reported in the Times of INdia dated january 29, 1992;

(b) if so, the details of the requests/demands made by the Japanese investors and

(c) the response of the Union Government to these requests/demands

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). The Times of India Report refers to the visit of the Japnese Economic Mission to India in January, 1992 and the Meeting of the India of the Indo Japanese Business Cooperation Committee which coincided with the Mission's Visit. The Mission's visit was to assess the new investment climate and to explore possibilities of upgrading Japanese investment levels in India. As is normal during such discussions, the members of the said Mission sought clarifcations, on certain issues relat-

ing to the policies & procedures regarding foreign investment in India during their meeting with the concerned Ministers and officials of Government of India. Necessary clarification was provided to the Mission on these issues.

The total Direct foreign invemntment in India proposed by Japanese companies in the foreign collaboration approvals issued after the annulment of he new industrial policy totals Rs. 4.32 crores till 31st December, 1991. This is more than 8 times the Japaniese investment approved during the calender year 1990.

[*Translation*]

**Reservation for Women Employees**

1313. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the matter regarding the reservation for women has been examined;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONSAL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). the matter regarding reservation for women in services under the Central Govt. is under consideration.

**'Loan Licence Scheme' in Drug Industry**

1314. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since examined the suggestions and representations received in connection with 'loan linence scheme' in drug industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS. (SR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c). The suggestions and representations received from the Drug Industry in connection with the loan lincence scheme have been taken into consideration in consultation with the Ministry of Health. The matter is currently subjudice.

[*English*]

**Allotment of land to Cooperative Group Housing Societies**

1315. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allot land to the registered Cooperative Group Housing Societales in Delhi;

(b) if so, the criteria for the allotment of land; and

(c) the proposed cost of such land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M . ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) The criteria for allotment of land to group housing socities in Delhi is at present sub-Judice before the Supreme court of India.

(c) allotment of land to Group Housing societies is made on pre-determined rates notified from time to time.